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PENZANCE (HAYLE DIVISION) PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

Annual Report of Port Medical Officer & Port Health Inspector

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To Chairman and Members of the Port Health Committee

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Attached hereto is my report for the year ending 31st December 1970.

The current position regarding sewage disposal is that there have been further modifications designed to remove the sewage disposal works from the dock area, although the estuary will continue to be the outfall for the effluent.

The Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1970 which will become operative on 1st January 1971, do not differ to any appreciable extent from the existing regulations, and the nature of the business of Hayle Port demands little amendment at this stage.

Generally, the regulations are designed to prevent the spread of infection from a foreign port, infected home port, or ship, and includes the provision of powers of inspection, isolation and surveillance of ships and/or persons travelling in the ship and the deratting of infested vessels.

23 bodies passed through the Mortuary during the year.

There are no specific problems to which your attention should be drawn.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

P.E. Morris

Port Medical Officer

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ANNUAL REPORT OF PORT MEDICAL OFFICER AND PORT HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1970

SECTION I - STAFF

Table "A"

| <u>Name of Officer</u> | <u>Nature of Appointment</u> | <u>Date of Appointment</u> | <u>Qualification</u> | <u>Any other Appointment held</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---|
| P.E.Morris | Port Health Medical Officer | 1st April 1952 | M.B. Ch.B | Police Surgeon Certifying Factory Doctor |
| J.W.Hitchens | Port Health Inspector | 1st October 1952 | F.R.S.H. | Chief Public Health Inspector, West Penwith R.D.C. |

Address and Telephone Number of Port Medical Officer of Health: "Bonaer", Hayle 2315

SECTION II - Amount of Shipping entering the District during the year
Table "B"

| <u>Ships from</u> | <u>Numbers</u> | <u>Tonnage</u> | <u>No. inspected by</u> | | <u>No. of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|---------------|--|
| | | | <u>M.O.H.</u> | <u>P.H.I.</u> | |
| Foreign Ports | 15 | 7,084 | 9 | Nil | Nil |
| Coastwise | 245 | 146,481 | 3 | Nil | Nil |
| Total | 260 | 153,565 | 12 | Nil | Nil |

SECTION III - Character of Shipping and Trade during year

| | | | | | |
|---|-----|---|----------|---|-----|
| Passenger Traffic | - | Number of passengers | INWARDS | - | Nil |
| | | " | OUTWARDS | - | Nil |
| Cargo Traffic | - | Principal Imports | ... | Coal, Potatoes, Sulphur, Timber, Petroleum Products | |
| | | Principal Exports | ... | Scrap Metals | |
| Principal Ports from which ships arrive | ... | Blythe, Goole, Barry, Belfast, Bayonne, Richmullen, Finland (Various) Fawley, Milford Haven | | | |

SECTION IV - Inland Barge Traffic

Number and tonnage using the district and places served by the traffic - Nil

SECTION V - Water Supply

- (1) Source of supply for (a) the district ... Mains supply from Drift via Mellencar filtered, chlorinated and pH corrected.
- (b) shipping ... Supply pipes taken through the docks with water points at intervals at dock side.
- (2) Reports of tests for contamination ... Samples satisfactory.
- (3) Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes. ... Water points and equipment maintained by Dock Undertakers.
- (4) Number and sanitary conditions of water boats and powers of control by the Authority. ... Nil
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SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1966

- (1) List of infected areas - Weekly records of Quantifiable Diseases are received and amendment of the list as applied to the Home Trade Ports made as and when required. This information is supplied to Pilots and Customs Officers where circumstances warrant.
- (2) Radio Messages - This is not a radio transmitting or receiving Port but arrangements are made with the dock owners to forward any radio messages they may receive in connection with infectious diseases.
- (3) Notifications otherwise than by radio - Arrangements made with Pilots and Customs Officers for notification and despatch of "Declarations of Health".
- (4) Mooring Stations - Stations have with approval of Harbour Master and Customs Officers been sited in the bay.
- (5) Arrangements for:-
- (a) Hospital Accommodation for infectious diseases - County Isolation Hospital, Truro, through No.1 Health Area Office, Penzance.
 - (b) Surveillance and follow-up of contacts - Through normal channels of Public Health Department of Rural District Council and No.1. Health Area Office.
 - (c) Cleansing and Disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles - Disinfection of ships carried out under direction of Port Health Inspector. No facilities for personal cleansing. Clothing etc. steam disinfected at West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance by arrangement.
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SECTION VII - Smallpox

- (1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which cases are sent from the district - Cheddon Road Hospital, Taunton
- (2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance etc. - { Dr. D.L. Johnson (Areas M.O.H) & Dr. St. John Brooks (West Cornwall Hospital) are the consultants who would be contacted and would arrange laboratory diagnosis and transport
- (3) Name(s) of smallpox consultants
- (4) Facilities for Laboratory diagnosis

SECTION VIII

Location, days and hours of the available facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease among merchant seamen.

Venereal Disease

Camborne/Redruth General Hospital
Thursday 5-6 p.m.
West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance
Thursday 3-4 p.m.
Edward Hain Hospital, St.Ives
Thursday 1-2 p.m.

Customs Offices advise contact direct with M.O.H's surgery or Health Dept., West Penwith R.D.C. Penzance

SECTION IX
Table 'D'Cases of Notifiable and Other Infectious Diseases on Ships

| <u>Category</u> | <u>No. of cases during the year</u> | | | <u>No. of ships concerned</u> |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| | <u>Disease</u> | <u>Passengers</u> | <u>Crew</u> | |
| Cases landed from ships from foreign ports. | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival. | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Cases landed from other ships | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |

SECTION XObservations on the occurrence of Malaria in Ships

No ships from areas of epidemic malaria visited the Port and I have no observations to make on its occurrence in those ships from foreign Ports visiting Hayle.

SECTION XIMeasures taken against ships infected with or suspected for Plague

No measures necessary

SECTION XIIMeasures against Rodents in ships from Foreign Ports

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| (1) Procedure for inspection | - | Routine examination. Validity of deratting or deratting exemption certificates. |
| (2) Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents etc. | - | Public Health laboratory Service, Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro. No rodents sent for examination during the year. |
| (3) Arrangements for deratting ships, methods used etc. | - | Hayle is not an approved Port for this purpose. If necessary ships directed to Falmouth or other approved Port. |
| (4) Progress in the ratproofing of ships | - | Nil |

Table "E"

Rodents destroyed during the year
in Ships from Foreign Ports - Nil

Table "F"

Deratting Certificates and Deratting
Exemption Certificates issued during
the year for ships from Foreign Ports Nil

SECTION XIII - Inspection of ships for Nuisances

Table "G"

Inspections and Notices

| <u>Nature and Number</u> <u>of Inspections</u> | <u>Notices Served</u> | | <u>Results of</u> <u>Serving Notice</u> |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------|--|
| | <u>Statutory Notices</u> | <u>Other Notices</u> | |
| As in Table "B" | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Total 12 | Nil | Nil | Nil |

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shell-Fish)
Regulations 1934 - 1948

Not applicable

SECTION XV - Medical Inspections of Aliens

Not applicable

SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous

Arrangements for the burial on
shore of persons who have died
on board ship from infectious
disease.

Port M.O.H. in conjunction with
District M.O.H. institute procedure
prescribed by Section 162 P.H.A. 1936
